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SUBJECT: STILL NO SIGN THAT HMG WILL RESORT TO
IMPORT CONTROLS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 6025

1. THERE IS CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM SPECIFIC INDUSTRY-
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IES IN THE UK (AUTOMOBILES, TEXTILES, FOOTWEAR, TV

TUBES) FOR IMPORT CONTROLS. SOME WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS HERE HAVE ALSO ECHOED THE EC COMMISSION SPECULATION REPORTED REFTEL THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT IMPOSE IMPORT CONTROLS AS A WAY TO GET TRADE UNION ACCEPTANCE OF WAGE RESTRAINTS.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT COMPLETELY RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SELECTIVE CONTROLS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS, THE GOVERNMENT'S RESISTANCE TO IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF ANY KIND CONTINUES TO BE CATEGORIC. WHEN A QUESTIONER IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS RECOMMENDED SELECTIVE CONTROLS ON JUNE 26, PRIME MINISTER WILSON REPLIED: "I HAVE SAID THAT SELECTIVE IMPORT CONTROLS, APART FROM THOSE WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY AND WHICH WE ARE READY TO INTRODUCE WHERE THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF DUMPING OR UNFAIR PRACTICES, WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE COUNTRY AS A BIG TRADING NATION WHEN, DESPITE THE WORLD DEPRESSION, IT IS THE ONLY MAJOR COUNTRY MAINTAINING ITS EXPORT VOLUMES. I THINK THAT THOSE VOLUMES WOULD BE IMPERILLED IF WE WERE TO ADOPT WHAT MY HON. FRIEND SUGGESTS."

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